

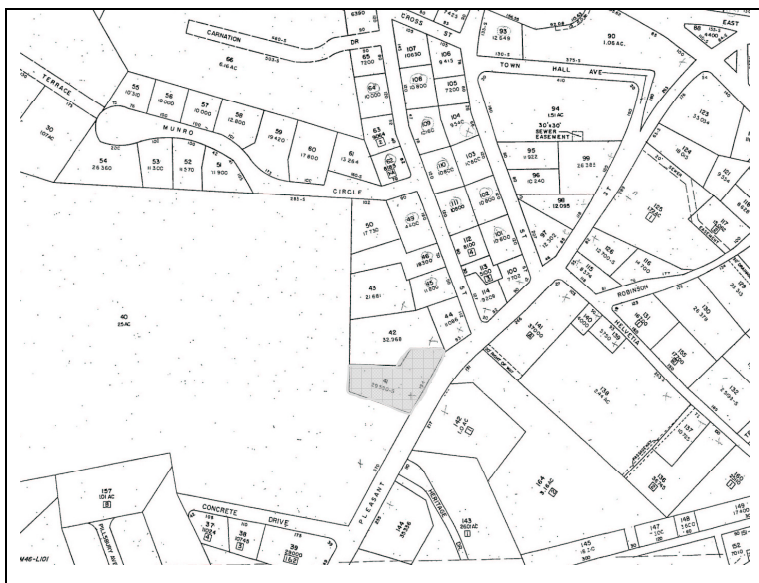
# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

## Photograph



## Topographic or Assessor's Map



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**Town:** Tewksbury

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)  
Tewksbury Center

**Address:** 107 Pleasant Street

**Historic Name:** Henry E Preston House

**Uses:** Present: 2-Unit Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** c1790

**Source:** Style

**Style/Form:** Federal

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Garage

Pool

**Major Alterations (with dates):**

Italianate porch and hood

Barn converted to residence c1947 (TEW. XX)

House converted to 2-family (prior to 1965)

**Condition:** Excellent

**Moved:** no | X | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 0.68 Acres

**Setting:** Located in the village center in an area developed in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as a suburban residential area.

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

Tewksbury

107 Pleasant Street

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\_\_\_ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The house at **107 Pleasant Street** is a two-and-a-half story Federal Era dwelling that has been altered by the addition of late 19<sup>th</sup> century details like the Italianate entrance hood and brackets, the Queen Anne side porch, and 2/2 sash windows. The building is rectangular in plan and rests on a granite foundation. The five by two bay dwelling has a side gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The house is clad in wood clapboards. The 2/2 wood sash windows are flanked by wood shutters. The paired wood entrance doors are sheltered by the projecting entrance hood supported by wood brackets. A rectangular brick chimney pierces the northern slope of the roof. A one-story secondary entrance porch is located on the eastern façade. The spindle columns support the hip roof. Decorative brackets are located at the top of each column, while a simple low baluster rail spans between each. The northernmost bay of the porch is filled by an enclosed entrance. To the rear of the house, a shed roof addition extends to the east beyond the main building form and connects to the one-story one-bay garage. The shed roof addition is two-stories in height.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

Local histories date the house to either 1775 or 1790, although from its style and form, the dwelling was more likely built c1790. Additional deed research would be necessary to determine an owner prior to 1834. In 1834 Henry Preston first began purchasing land in Tewksbury. He owned a number of parcels in Tewksbury Center, Prospect Hill, and the Great Swamp.

Henry Preston (1809-1882) was a trader and merchant with a shop on Main Street near the Foster School. He was also the postmaster from 1837-1854 and 1861-1882. Henry Preston married Lucy Jaques in 1835 and they had eight children. In 1869 Preston sold his farm and 40-acres on Pleasant Street to T Burns[Burr] Marsh.

Additional owners: T Burns Marsh and his wife Sarah (1869-1876); Joel Phelps (1876-1905); Herbert Pillsbury (1905-1959); Alexander & Mary P White, a florist designer (1959-1998); and Phyliss White, Sandra White Mouser, and Kenneth Mouser (1998-2009). In 1905 the farm was only 28 acres.

It is locally believed that the dwelling may have served as a stop on the Underground Railroad in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century.

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